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SUBJECT REPORTED UNOFFICIAL ZAMBIAN ENVOY VISIT TO RHODESIA

REF: PRETORIA 2251

1. PRESS HERE TODAY CARRIES STATE HOUSE STATEMENT ON RHODESIAN SUNDAY MAIL STORY THAT FORMER RHODESIAN RESIDENT ARCHIE LEVIN, NOW LIVING LONDON, MET LAST WEEK WITH SOUTHERN RHODESIAN "FOREIGN MINISTER" JACK HOWMAN TO PRESENT LIST OF ZAMBIAN TERMS FOR REOPENING BORDER. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT, STATE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID "PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAS SENT NO ENVOY TO SALISBURY OR ANYWHERE IN WHITE-CONTROLLED SOUTHERN AFRICA" HE HAS NOT GIVEN ANYONE AUTHORITY TO SPEAK TO THE REBELS NOR SET ANY CONDITIONS AT ALL TO ANY BODY FOR REOPENING BORDER AND HAS NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED QUESTION OF REOPENING BORDER AT ANYTIME SINCE ITS CLOSURE JANUARY 9. .. IT MUST SOUND LUDICROUS FOR ANY SANE MAN TO THINK PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND HIS GOVERNMENT COULD AT THIS TIME THINK OF REOPENING BORDER WITH REBEL

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RHODESIA, LET ALONE SEND ENVOY, AFTER 20 ZAMBIANS HAVE
BEEN MURDERED BY RHODESIANS AND THEIR SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORTERS."

2. PRESS REPORT QUOTES HOWMAN AS HAVING SAID: " I WAS NOT
IMPRESSED WITH MR. LEVIN' S SUGGESTIONS AND DO NOT
ATTACH MUCH SIGNIFICANCE TO THEM. MR. LEVEN WAS AT PAINS
TO POINT OUT THAT HE WAS NOT AN ENVOY FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA.
HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRYING TO BE GO- BETWEEN OR HE MIGHT
HAVE BEEN PLAYING HIS OWN GAME." WILKOWSKI

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